GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

General Administration Department - Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) - Rescinding of GOs issued by the GA(SEB)Dept as part of Restructuring of the Prohibition & Excise Department – 2024 - Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SEB-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.84 Dated:11.09.2024.

Read the following:-

1. From the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue(Excise –I) Department, U.O. Note.No. REV01-CPE0MISC/ 184/ 2024-EXCISE, Dt.06.09.2024.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Ex-Officio Principal Secretary, General Administration (SEB) Department on the U.O.Note No.REV01-CPE0MISC/184/2024-EXCISE, Dt.06-09-2024.

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The Government have created "Special Enforcement Bureau(SEB)" vide G.O.MS. No. 41, General Administration (CABINET-II) Department, Dt. 09.05.2020. The Structure & hierarchy of the SEB is as follows:

a) The Department of Special Enforcement Bureau is part of General Administration Department and is headed by Director General of Police (HoPF) as the Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary to Government.

b) The Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary will have a secretarial assistance of one Middle Level Officer (MLO), one Asst. Secretary and two Sections.

c) The Special Enforcement Bureau Department will have a Commissionerate headed by the Commissioner who will be the Head of Department (HoD) in the rank of Inspector General of Police or above.

d) There will be one Addl. SP/ ASP, SEB in each district for all the 18 Police Units, among which 7 Officers will be in the rank of Cadre Officers and remaining will be non-cadre.

2. After creation of the Special Enforcement Bureau, AP, the General Administration (SEB)Department have issued the following (12) Government Orders defining structure, staffing pattern, operational guidelines etc. for the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau , AP., Mangalagiri and the 18 police (SEB) units in the State:

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1	G.O.Ms. No 71 GA (SEB) Department, dated.28.07.2020	Declared the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau as Head of Department.
2	G.O.Ms.No.118, GA (SEB -II) Dept. dated. 26.11.2020	Structure and Staffing pattern of SEB
3	G.O.Ms.No.119, GA (SEB -II) Dept. dated. 26.11.2020	Creation of New posts for SEB
4	G.O.Ms. No. 120, GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 26.11.2020	Permission to Special Enforcement Bureau to handle offences like Gambling etc
5	G.O.Ms.No.1 GA(SEB-II) Department Dt.05-01-2021	Sanction of One Commissioner and 18 Addl SsP/ASsP to SEB
6	G.O.Ms. No. 15, GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 16.02.2021	Disposal of contraband and property seized in cases booked for offences under A.P. Excise Act, 1968 and A.P. Prohibition Act, 1995.
7	G.O.Ms. No. 109, GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 05.10.2021	Job Chart of the officers and staff working in SEB.
8	G.O.Ms.No.127 GA(SEB-I) Department Dt.27-10-2021	Leave sanctioning authorities in SEB
9	G.O.Ms. No. 128, GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 27.10.2021	Notification for Disciplinary authorities for Officers/staff of SEB.
10	G.O.Ms. No. 130,GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 21.10.2022	Official logo for SEB
11	G.O.Ms.No.152 GA(SEB-I) Department Dt.01-12-2022	Medals and Awards to the personnel in SEB
12	G.O.Ms. No. 163, GA (SEB-I) Dept. dated. 28.12.2022	Structure and staffing pattern of SEB after formation of new districts

3. The Revenue (Prohibition & Excise) Department in their U.O.Note in the reference 1st cited have informed to the General Administration (SEB) Department that the Prohibition & Excise Department is a major regulatory Department entrusted with the responsibilities of regulation of intoxicants and control of crime related to Excise and NDPS. Revenue Generation though is incidental to such regulation is yet another major responsibility. Before 2019, the Department had a well structured organization with single line of control with three(3) well defined Wings namely Executive, Enforcement and Distillery wings. However, in May, 2020 the Prohibition & Excise Department underwent a major structural change with the creation of a separate Wing called Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB). Enforcement functions under Excise Laws were entrusted to this SEB. The personnel of

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Prohibition & Excise Department were divided into 70:30 between the SEB and Prohibition & Excise Department further depleting the already understaffed Prohibition & Excise Department. The restructuring of the Prohibition & Excise Department in May, 2020 and allocation of 70% Staff to SEB lead to numerous negative consequences of surge in illegal activities, revenue loss and public health risk etc. Hence, there arose an imperative need for restructuring the P&E Department to ensure quality liquor, adopt best practices, improve governance to increase its efficiency.

4. The Revenue (P&E) Department have further informed that the Director, Excise and Prohibition, AP., Vijayawada has submitted a proposal to the Government for Restructuring of the Prohibition & Excise Department, AP which is similar to that prevailed before May, 2020 with single line of control. The Model is also similar to that prevailing in the States of Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Odissa. Their Department have examined the proposals of the Director Prohibition & Excise, AP and placed the matter before the Council of Ministers for approval of the proposal to Restructure the Prohibition & Excise Department along with the "Way Forward" and also to rescind the GOs issued by the General Administration (Cabinet-II) Department and the General Administration (SEB) Department. The Council of Ministers have approved the said proposal vide Resolution No. 162/2024, dated 28.08.2024.

5. The Revenue (P&E) Department has therefore requested the General Administration (SEB) Department to take further action to rescind all the GOs issued by the Department in connection with the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and other GOs if any, and to relieve the Prohibition & Excise personnel working in the SEB immediately to report back to the Prohibition & Excise Department, and to hand over the offices of SEB., AP located in the Govt. buildings and its movable assets to the Prohibition & Excise Department.

6. In view of the above, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby rescind the following (12) Government Orders issued by the General Administration (SEB) Department in connection with the Special Enforcement Bureau, A.P. Mangalagiri. Rescinding of these (12) G.Os comes into immediate effect once the General Administration (Cabinet) Department issues the orders rescinding the G.Os issued creating the SEB ., AP., Mangalagiri:

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7. The personnel allocated from Prohibition & Excise Department to Special Enforcement Bureau including the SARCPL personnel, vide G.O.Ms.No.134 Revenue (Excise-I) Department dt.15.05.2020 shall be relieved to report back to the Prohibition and Excise Department.

8. The posts of (1) Commissioner and (18) Additional Superintendents of Police/Assistant Superintendents of Police sanctioned vide G.O.Ms.No.1 GA(SEB-II) Department Dated:05-01-2021 and the posts of (1) Superintendent of Police (NC), (2) Deputy Superintendents of Police, (20) Inspectors of Police, (1) Assistant Director (Mines & Geology Department), (6) Senior Assistants (Proh. & Excise Department) and other outsourcing posts sanctioned vide G.O.Ms.No.119 GA (SEB) Department Dt.26.11.2020 shall be transferred to their respective departments and the personnel shall be relieved from Special Enforcement Bureau.

9. The offices and Stations of Special Enforcement Bureau located in Government buildings shall be handed over to the Prohibition & Excise Department.

10. The movable assets and infrastructure along with liabilities including pending payments towards purchase of furniture, computers, private building rents, hired vehicle charges etc. shall be transferred to the Prohibition & Excise Department.

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11. All the Excisable articles, materials, vehicles, etc., seized /confiscated by the Special Enforcement Bureau shall be transferred to the Prohibition & Excise Department in accordance with the provisions of A.P. Excise Act, 1968, A.P.Prohibition Act, 1995 or NDPS Act 1985, as the case may be.

12. The departments of Forest, Industries and Commerce(Mines), Home and Finance shall take steps for rescinding of the GOs issued relating to Special Enforcement Bureau.

13. The Commissioner, SEB, AP., Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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EX-OFFICIO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Home Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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